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In re application of: Mari Horiguchi et al.
Serial No. : 09/729,482
Filed : December 4, 2000
For : APPARATUS CONTROL METHOD AND TRANSMISSION DEVICE
Group A.U. : 3661
Date : September 19, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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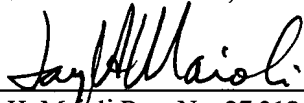
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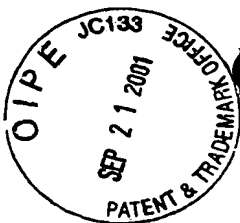
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.